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SUBJECT: JACQUES LIMOUZY -- SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS

1. BORN AT CASTRES (TARN) ON AUGUST 29, 1926, JACQUES LIMOUZY EARNED A DEGREE IN LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE AND THEN ENTERED THE ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION (ENA), GRADUATING IN 1958. HE ENTERED THE PREFECTURAL CORPS, WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL 1966 WHEN HE ENTERED THE CABINET OF ROGER FREY, GAULLIST BARON AND THEN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

2. HIS POLITICAL CAREER BEGAN IN MARCH 1967 WHEN HE WAS ELECTED AS A GAULLIST DEPUTY FROM CASTRES, A SEAT HE HAS HELD EVER SINCE. LIMOUZY WAS NAMED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS IN THE CABINET OF JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS IN JUNE 1969, SERVING UNTIL JULY 1972. AT THE SAME TIME, HIS POLITICAL CAREER PROSPERED AS HE BECAME A CANTONAL COUNCILLOR IN 1970 (REELECTED IN 1976) AND WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF CASTRES IN 1971

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(WHERE HE LOST IN AN UPSET IN MARCH 1977). LIMOUZY WAS NAMED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION IN BOTH THE SECOND AND THIRD PIERRE MESSMER GOVERNMENTS (APRIL 1973-MAY 1974).

3. LIMOUZY HAS OCCUPIED MANY POSITIONS IN THE GAULLIST PARTY SINCE 1973 AND IN APRIL 1974 BECAME ONE OF THE

FAMOUS 43 GAULLISTS WHO FOLLOWED JACQUES CHIRAC IN SUPPORTING GISCARD D'ESTAING FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

4. A BACHELOR, LIMOUZY IS AFFABLE AND OUTGOING, WELL-LIKED IN THE ASSEMBLY WHERE HE HAS BECOME KNOWN AS A "MAN OF DIALOGUE". HE WON SOME RENOWN IN HIS BATTLE TO CREATE A PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE UNFAIR IMPORT COMPETITION BY WAVING FRENCH AND SOUTH KOREAN MINI-SLIPS FROM THE TRIBUNE OF THE ASSEMBLY. LIMOUZY HAS NOW BECOME RAYMOND BARRE'S DAY-TO-DAY LINK WITH THE ASSEMBLY AND WITH ITS PRESIDENT CHABAN-DELMAS, FOR WHOM LIMOUZY PERFORMED THE SAME FUNCTION YEARS AGO WHEN CHABAN WAS AT THE OTHER END OF THE ASSEMBLY - GOVERNMENT HOOK-UP.
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